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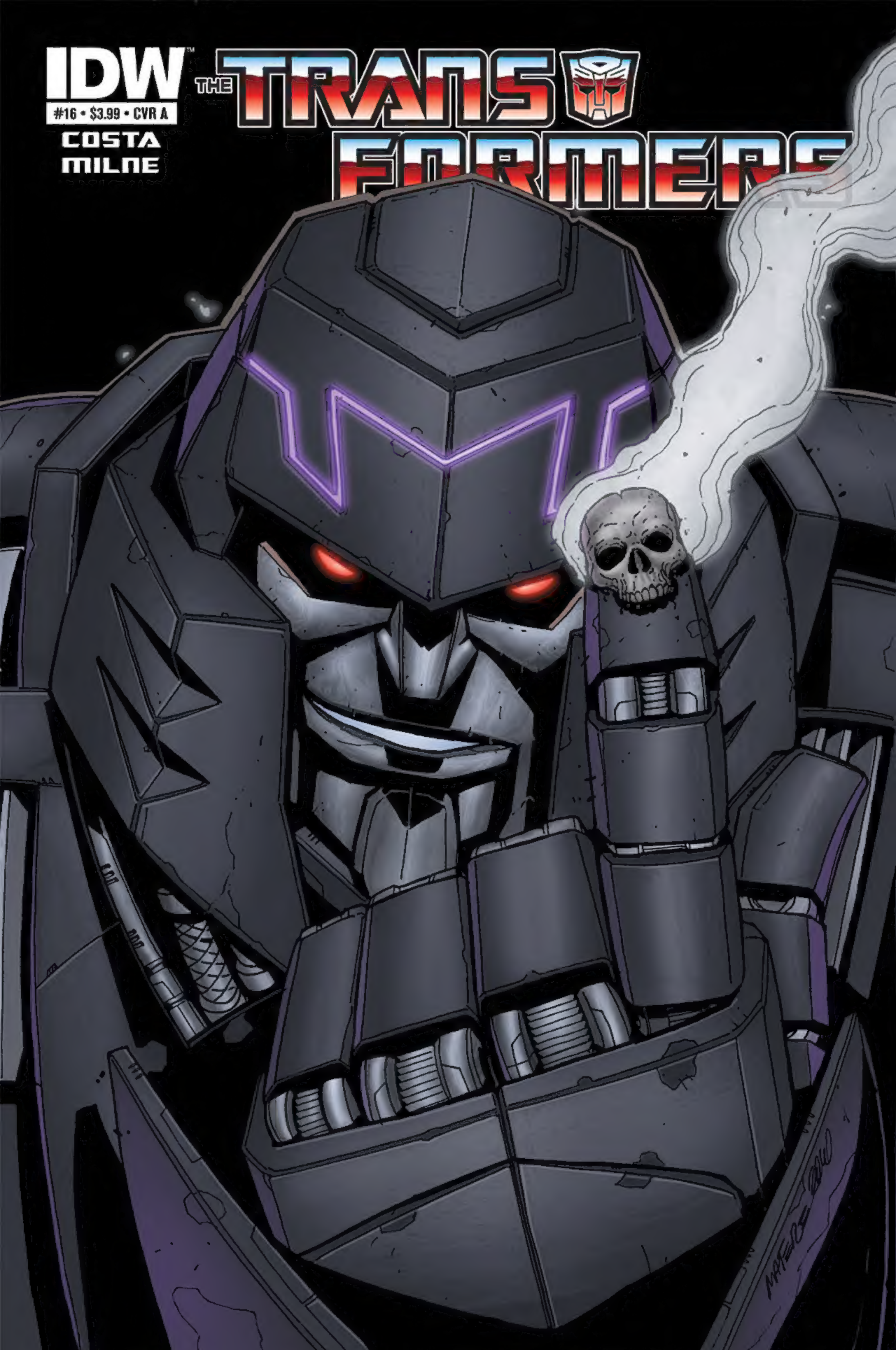

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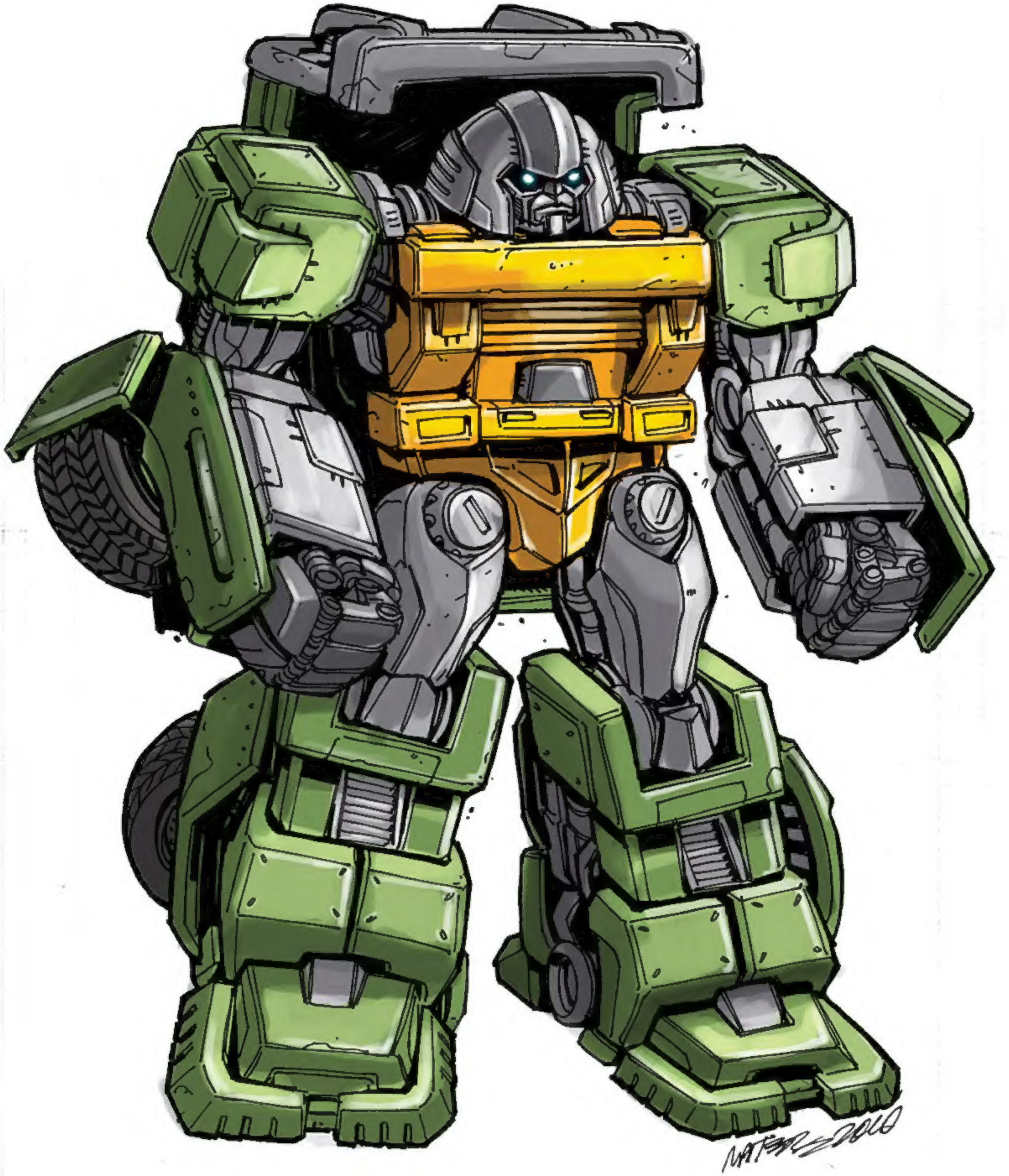

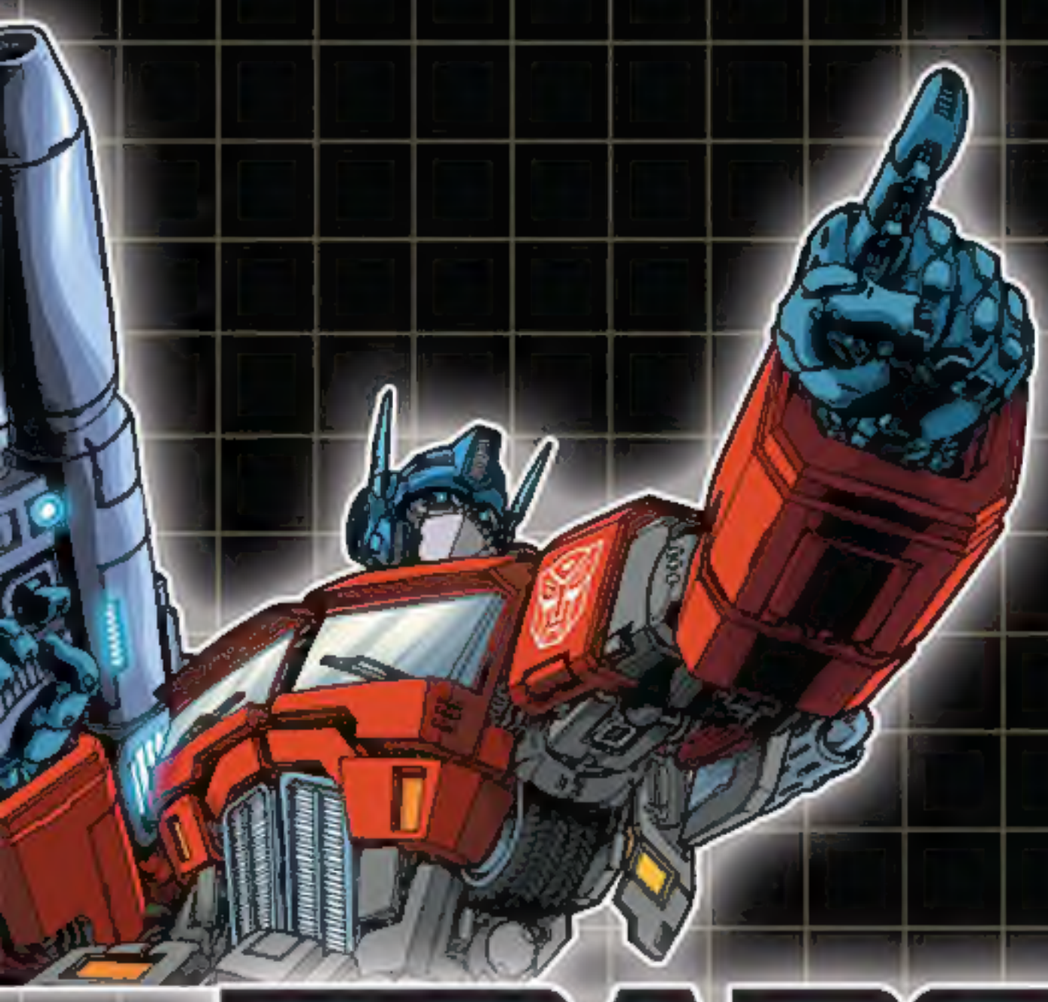

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Things could not get worse: the people of Earth have turned on the Autobots; Bumblebee has been shot, Optimus Prime has been shot down somewhere over the Atlantic, and Skywatch HQ has been decimated by Decepticons; Starscream has arrived to recruit Thundercracker to his cause. Everything the Autobots have struggled to protect and maintain is under threat.

The Decepticons are back. And Megatron has returned.

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WE'VE GOT THE *GOVERNMENT* CONSPIRING WITH *ALIENS* RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES!

LANI GUSHMAN

BNN

THEY'RE *TRAMPLING* ALL OVER THE CONSTITUTION.

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BNN

*TRAMPLING* ON—WHAT?

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AAAH!

LANI GUSHMAN

BNN

THAT DRAMATIC VIDEO WAS TAKEN ONLY THREE HOURS AGO AT THE SKYWATCH BASE. MEDIA HAS BEEN EVACUATED FROM THE AREA, BUT WE'RE RECEIVING REPORTS THAT A CARAVAN OF NON-MILITARY VEHICLES—POSSIBLY CYBERTRONIAN—HAS LEFT THE FACILITY AND IS TRAVELING ACROSS THE DESERT.

BNN

FORMATION TWO! FORMATION TWO!

ATTENTION SKYWATCH FORCES. LAY DOWN YOUR WEAPONS, JOIN US AGAINST THE ALIENS, AND YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED.

BUT STAND AGAINST YOUR FELLOW MAN BESIDE EXTRATERRESTRIALS AND WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

THIS IS AN *ILLEGAL ACTION.* WHATEVER YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, IF YOU ATTACK US YOU WILL BE ATTACKING YOUR OWN COUNTRY.

NOT *MY* COUNTRY.

MAGNUS... THESE ARE SCARED AND CONFUSED PEOPLE. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY TRAINING. PLEASE TRY TO GO EASY. YOU'RE NOT FIGHTING THE ARMY.

IF WE START COMING UNDER FIRE, WE HAVE TO DEFEND OURSELVES. SURELY YOU HAVE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

*WE* DO. BUT YOU...

...YOU *ATTACK* THEM... YOU KILL ANYONE, YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS. THESE ARE *CIVILIANS*. HOW WILL IT *LOOK*?

WE'RE RETREATING TO OMEGA SUPREME.

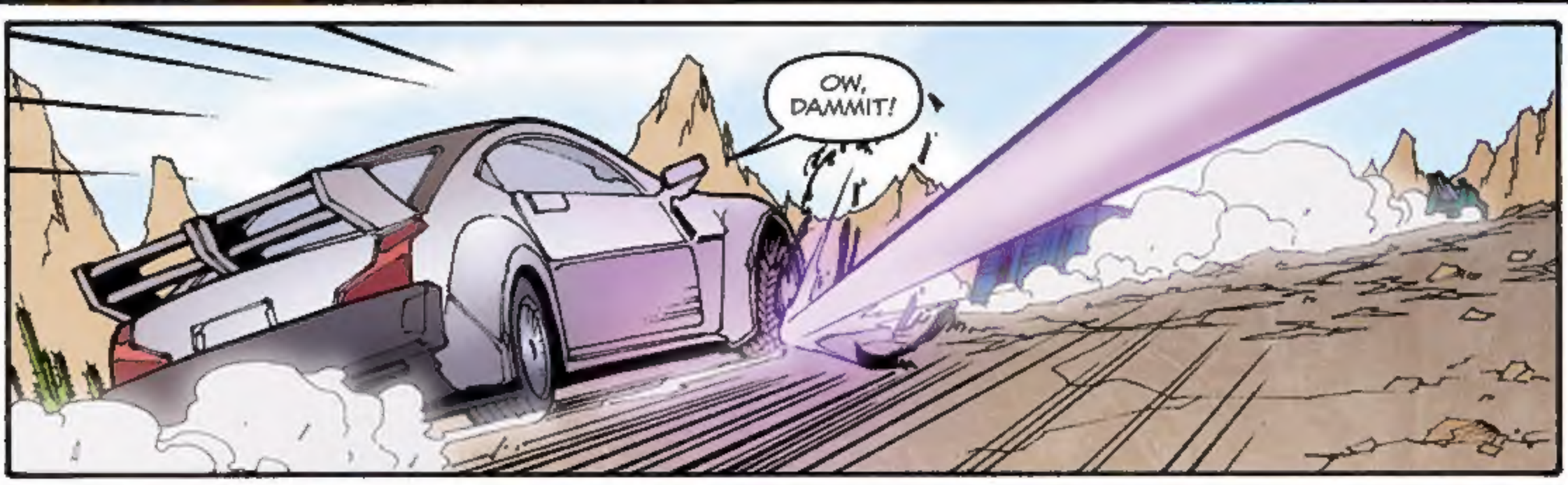
WE'RE RUNNING *AGAIN!?* FROM *THESE* IDIOTS?

LET'S GO.

GEARS IS HURT!

LOAD HIM UP. NO MATTER WHAT, WE'RE NOT STOPPING. YOU'RE ALL TRAINED SOLDIERS. THINGS GET HEAVY, YOU EVADE. WE'RE ALL MEETING AT OMEGA SUPREME.

*THEY'RE RUNNING! OPEN FIRE!*


OW, DAMMIT!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

SO THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING SINCE WE'VE BEEN GONE? RIDICULOUS.

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN RULING AT MY SIDE, BROTHER. THE DECEPTICONS UNDER ME WERE SO MUCH LESS WITHOUT YOUR FIERCENESS TO SERVE AS EXAMPLE.

NOT BY MY ORDER. THAT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION. I ASSURE YOU, SKYWARP WAS PUNISHED.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT SKYWARP. HE WAS UNABLE TO KILL ME AT POINT-BLANK RANGE WHEN I WAS COMPLETELY TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

I ALREADY *SERVED* AS AN "EXAMPLE." I WAS LEFT FOR DEAD.

YES. YOU ARE POWERFUL. THAT'S WHY I'VE COME. THE DECEPTICONS NEED YOU.

I'M SURE THEY DO.

AS I'M ALSO SURE IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ANY OF YOU: MAYBE *I* DON'T NEED THE ***DECEPTICONS.***

HA! THUNDERCRACKER. I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE DONE WHAT YOU CAN TO SURVIVE HERE. AND YOU'VE DEVELOPED YOUR...

...PECULIARITIES.

BUT AS MUCH CHATTER AS YOU CAN BROADCAST OUT OF THESE WALLS, ALL YOU'VE CONSTRUCTED FOR YOURSELF HERE IS A TOMB, AND YOU KNOW IT. YOU AREN'T THE KIND TO JUST SIT HERE AND ***RUST.***

I HAD AN *AUTOBOT* HERE JUST A FEW DAYS AGO SAYING THE EXACT SAME THING.

NO DOUBT HE WANTED YOUR HELP RESCUING HUMANS, OR SOME OTHER SUCH NONSENSE.

I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU SOMETHING MUCH GREATER.

MEGATRON HAS TRULY LOST HIS MIND. HE IS DRIVEN ONLY BY REVENGE. HE'S BROUGHT US BACK TO THIS INSIGNIFICANT MUDBALL FOR THAT PURPOSE ALONE.

HE HAS NO LONG-TERM GOALS FOR US. HE HAS NO VISION FOR OUR FUTURE. JUST SOME ABSURD PLAN TO COME BACK HERE AND STOMP ON ENEMIES WE'D ALREADY *BEATEN*.

HE IS BLINDED BY HIS HATRED FOR THIS PLACE. HE IS UTTERLY *OBSESSED* WITH THIS PLANET. AND HIS LOYALISTS FEAR HIM ENOUGH TO FOLLOW HIM ANYWHERE, EVEN TO A DEAD-END LIKE THIS.

I ASK YOU: *JOIN* ME. I CAN'T DO IT ALONE, BUT TOGETHER WE CAN *CRUSH* MEGATRON AND FINALLY GIVE THE DECEPTICONS THE FUTURE THEY DESERVE. A PROUD VISION, FREE OF PETTY GRUDGES.

WE WILL LEAVE THIS WORLD. LEAVE THIS GALAXY. THE AUTOBOTS ARE STILL SCATTERED AND LOST. WE WILL FORGET THEM. WE WILL HAVE A NEW PATH. THINGS WILL *CHANGE*.

WE WILL HAVE NEW WORLDS TO *CONQUER!*

THE AUTOBOT'S PITCH WAS BETTER.

WHERE DO YOU GET THIS *ARROGANCE* FROM, THUNDERCRACKER? DO YOU FORGET WHO YOU'RE *SPEAKING* TO?

I MIGHT EVEN HAVE TAKEN "NO" FOR AN ANSWER AND LEFT YOU HERE TO RUST WITH ALL THE OTHER CIRCUIT-DAMAGED IDIOTS WHO REFUSE TO LEAVE.

BUT I AM *STARSCREAM.* LEADER OF THE *SEEKERS* AND ONCE AND FUTURE *RULER OF THE DECEPTICONS.*

*AND I WILL NOT BE SPOKEN TO LIKE—*

OH, WOW.

IF THIS JUST ISN'T MY LUCKY DAY.

WHAT ARE YOU-?

IT WAS *YOU* THAT SHOT DOWN THE SKYWATCH TRANSPORT WITH PRIME IN IT, WASN'T IT?

*WASN'T IT?*

NO! MERCY, PLEASE! I'M MUCH MORE VALUABLE AS A HOSTAGE THAN DEAD!

YOU SHOT DOWN THE TRANSPORT!

NO! NO, I WOULD NEVER—

IF IT WASN'T YOU THEN WHO WAS IT?

*WHO?!*

MAGNUS, THIS IS INSANE! WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT BEFORE SOMEONE IS SERIOUSLY HURT! WE HAVE TO TURN AND FIGHT!

NO! NO ATTACKING HUMAN CIVILIANS. WE'VE GOT TWO MILES, AND WE CAN HOLD ON UNTIL THEN.

BOOM

DAMMIT!

WHO'S F RING?! I SAID DO NOT ENGAGE!

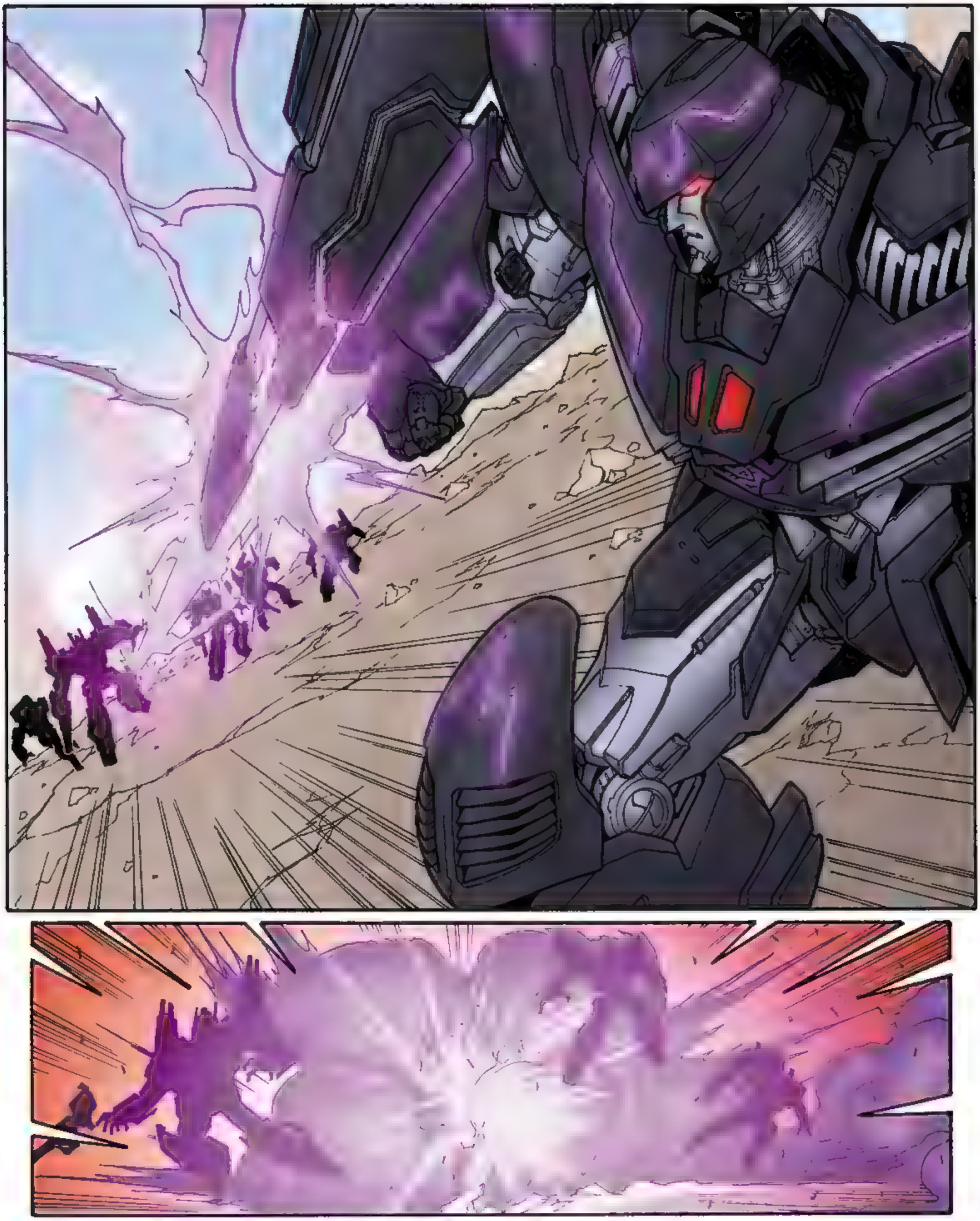
BOOM

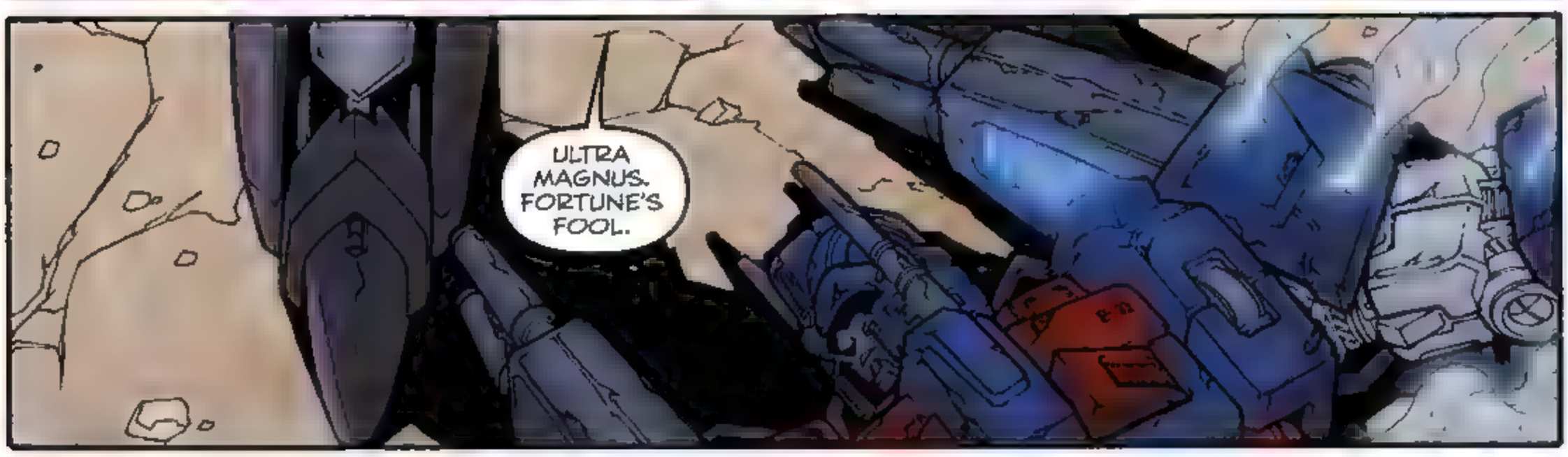
MAGNUS, IT WASN'T US! WE DIDN'T—

GREETINGS, AUTOBOTS. SAW YOU WERE HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH THE NATIVES.

ATTACK!

PATHETIC.

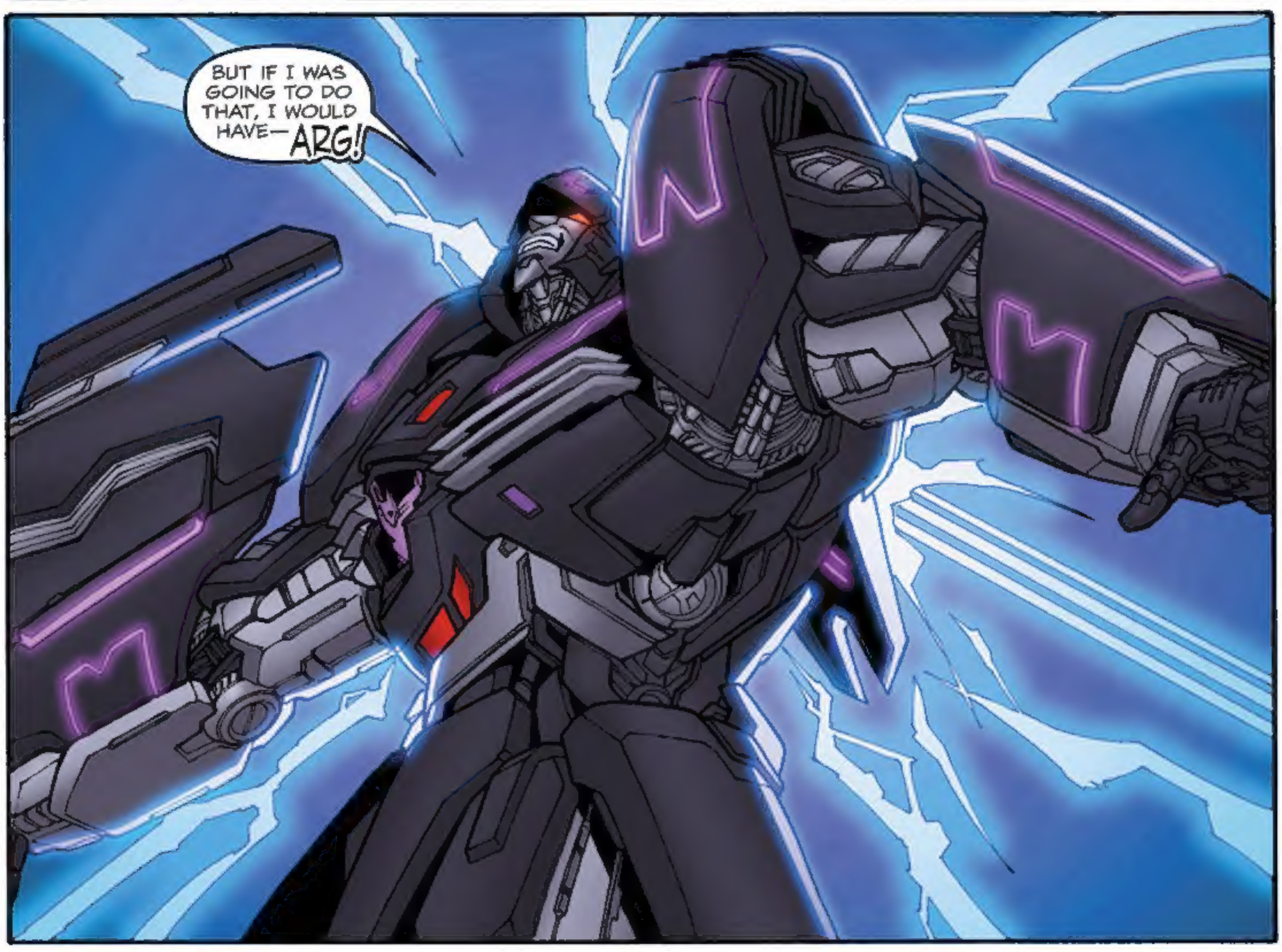



ULTRA MAGNUS. FORTUNE'S FOOL.

HOW FAR DOWN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND DID THEY HAVE TO WHITTLE BEFORE FINALLY HAVING TO RELY ON YOU?

RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER IDIOT.

I COULD KILL YOU, MAGNUS. I COULD KILL ANY OF YOUR PATHETIC SOLDIERS.


BUT IF I WAS GOING TO DO THAT, I WOULD HAVE— ARG!

MORE SUPPRESSORS! WE NEED MORE—

*DISGUSTING* CREATURES.

NO! STOP!

MEGATRON... STOP LETTING YOURSELF BE DISTRACTED BY GNATS. *I'M* THE ONE YOU WANT.

MAGNUS, YOU IDIOT. YOU STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND YOU. *YOU'RE* NOT THE ONE I WANT AT ALL.

I CAME BACK FOR *THEM.*

...->KSSH<-...
->KSSH<-...->ZZZT<-
...->KSSH<-...

PENNINGTON, DO YOU READ? WE'RE BACK ONLINE. AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR WHOEVER'S BUTT NEEDS KICKING FOR THIS.

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# REVENGE OF THE DECEPTICONS PART 3: WOKEN FURIES

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